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1. Early in 1950, on the orders of the Soviet Control Commission, a special network for police purposes was established by the East Zone Post and Telegraph Ministry. Additional long-distance telephone lines were built for the police, especially in the border areas (Harz, Magdeburg, Czechoslovak border), in the coastal region (Oberpostdirektion for Bezirk Schwerin), and the Wismar area (Lue/Saxony), so that the police control points could at all times be notified of the flight of forced laborers, a frequent occurrence. In 1950 special trunk lines were also taken out of the public post and telegraph network in order to tie in the staffs of the Volkspolizei directly with the central switchboard in Lichtenberg. Thus Berlin now has direct communication with the Gruppenkommandos in Schwerin, Halle, Dessau, Jena, Dresden, and Leipzig. Cables and lines which the GEC had earlier requisitioned were released to the police for this purpose, so that it is very difficult to keep the lines of the GEC and the Volkspolizei separate.
2. In order to avoid the danger of wire-tapping, to increase vigilance over the border area, and to tie together all security points, the Post and Telegraph is presently building another 2000 km of telephone lines for the Volkspolizei as a part of the Ministry's investment plan. (The cost will be 1.05 million TM.) For example, the network in the border areas during 1951 will be relieved by the installation of 700 km of new lines. OPD Halle is to receive 350 km, Erfurt 200 km, and Leipzig 150 km.
3. This work is being pressed with all urgency. The Ministry of the Interior and the Hauptverwaltung der Volkspolizei are pushing it in particular, and the Post and Telegraph has received from the Ministry of Planning an order for the execution of the work. Since the police have a priority on cable, telephone wire, and various other equipment for telephone installation, and since the best workers of the Post and Telegraph are being used in the construction of these new networks, the operations of the Post and Telegraph are being hampered.

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4. At present the police net is still dependent on the postal net, since many police units have lines which lead into intermediate switchboards and from there have connecting circuits to the postal net. This arrangement is structurally similar to the BASA net of the Reichsbahn. The arrangement of the network (Leitungsfuehrungen) was established as a result of several conferences between the Post and Telegraph Ministry, the Police, and the SED. The lines are leased to the police and are to be used only by the police, but they remain the property of the Post. The Post has been directed by the SSD to train policemen as teletypists and mechanics. This is being done by the Postal school in Leipzig and the OPD Wedstedt in Erfurt.

5. This year above all many changes are being made in the police network on the Baltic Coast. In this area about 800 km. of new lines are being built for the police, 600 km. of which, with 15 new teletypes, will give all Sea Police units direct connection with the police system. The Isle of Ruegen, where a radio transmitter and a receiving station are located, respectively at Lohme and Glowe, has been built up as a key point. At the present only two 800 watt transmitters (short- and medium-wave) are located at Lohme, but in 1951 a new 800 watt short-wave transmitter, a 2½ kw medium-wave transmitter for telephone and telegraph, a 2½ kw medium to high frequency wave transmitter (Grenzwellensender), and a five kw long-wave transmitter will be put into operation. The receiving station at Glowe has been completed and is now also being used by the Seepolizei. All maritime radio traffic is to be handled through Ruegen.

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6. At the present there is a danger that the Post-owned installations will be taken over by the Seepolizei, as there is friction between these two organizations. The Post has received shipments of very poor radio equipment from the RFT.

7. Besides these special nets, another special network for the government has already been set up, which is at the disposal of the SSD.

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